Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6497 SB	Title: Truancy reduction	Agency: 055-Admin Office of the Courts

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Account	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
Counties					
Cities					
Total $					

Estimated Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost. Please see discussion.

The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Responsibility for expenditures may be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.135.060.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

☐ If fiscal impact is greater than $50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.

☒ If fiscal impact is less than $50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).

☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact on the Courts

Section 5 - RCW 28A.225.025 would amend Section (1) to require all members of a community truancy board to receive training regarding the identification of barriers to school attendance, the use of the Washington assessment of the risks and needs of students (WARNS) and other tools.

Section 7 - RCW 28A.225.035 would amend Section (4) (a) to state that petitions filed under RCW 28A.225.030 or RCW 28A.225.015 shall initially be stayed by the juvenile court and (d) states that if intervention and prevention efforts under this subsection are unsuccessful at substantially reducing the child's unexcused absences within the time frame set by the school district, the stay shall be lifted.

Section 8 - RCW 28A.225.090 would amend Section (1) (e) to require the student to submit to a mental health evaluation or other diagnostic evaluation and adhere to the recommendations of the drug assessment, at no expense to the school, if the court finds on the court records that such evaluation is appropriate to the circumstances and behavior of the child.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

No impact.

II. C - Expenditures

Indeterminate, but less than $50,000 per year. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) does not have data to estimate how many hearings would be required, or how many petitions would be stayed or lifted. There may be a reduction in hearings for counties that have a therapeutic truancy board, but if a child goes through the intervention and prevention programs and is still a truant, there could be additional hearings.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact